

ing the House to grant unto their District the essential advantages which must infallibly result from the amendment suggested, convinced that the Interests of this growing District will always be one of the most interesting objects of its deliberations.

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the Town and District of *Three Rivers*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by the Honorable Mr. *Justice De Bonne*; and the same was received and read—

SETTING FORTH—That this Town and District hath been for many years in a very distressed situation in regard to the Education of Youth; for want of sufficient encouragement to induce a Teacher of moral character and competent Talents, to settle in the said Town.

That the circumstances of a great majority of the Inhabitants of this District does not permit them to place their children, at a heavy expence in *Quebec* or *Montreal*, for the purpose of receiving that education which their circumstances might enable them to procure at home or in their immediate neighbourhood.

That the cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal* have, for a long time past, received a generous assistance from Government, granted unto several of their School Masters—While the Fathers of Families of the Town and District of *Three Rivers* have seen, and do still see with grief, the irreparable loss of time experienced by their Youth for want of the like assistance—Assistance which alone could determine a person of known talents to settle in the said Town to teach the two languages, so indispensably necessary in this Province, and the first principles of the Sciences, whereby Youth would be prepared to complete a liberal Education.

That about the end of the year 1799, the Petitioners addressed themselves to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on this subject, and His Excellency was pleased to promise them that he would take into consideration the situation of their District, as soon as he should receive instructions from His Majesty's Ministers, to whom he had submitted a general plan of Education for this Province: a promise from which they flatter themselves the Province in general and their District in particular will experience the most salutary effects at this time—from the liberal intentions manifested by His Excellency in that part of his Speech at the opening of the present Session, wherein he recommends this object to the consideration of the Legislature. That